

Hails Yorktown Student For "Exceptional Achievement"

MUNCIE, IN - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence has announced that Samantha Scheidenberger is the Sixth Congressional District winner in the 2009 Congressional Art Competition. Her piece was drawn completely by pencil and was entitled "Engine Study."



Samantha Scheidenberger and Mrs. Margie Frank, her art teacher with the winning piece, "Engine Study"

"I want to congratulate Samantha on her exceptional achievement," Pence said. "Her artwork is not only technically excellent, but it shows her outstanding creativity and talent."

"Samantha, her family and Yorktown High School can be proud that one of their own will be representing the Sixth District in the Capitol Building with all the other winners nationwide in this truly unique competition," Pence continued.



Samantha with Mikah Wilson, Congressman Pence's Constituent Services Representative in Muncie

Pence concluded by saying **"I congratulate all the contestants who participated-I was truly impressed with the level of talent of these students. I invite all Hoosiers to come out to Washington for a visit and I look forward to pointing out Samantha's art."**

Background:

Each spring, a nation-wide high school arts competition is sponsored by the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Artistic Discovery Contest is an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent in the nation, as well as in each Congressional District.

The Artistic Discovery Contest is open to all high school students. The over-all winner of each district will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol.

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition. All entries must be an original in concept, design and execution.

There will be an official Congressional reception in honor of all the winners on June 24, in Washington, DC.

Each winner is also eligible for a \$1500 scholarship to the Savannah College of Art and Design, provided they apply for admission and are accepted.

Samantha received her certificate at an awards ceremony in Congressman Pence's new Muncie office, having been selected out of 57 entries from across the Sixth Congressional District. The pieces were judged by Terri Whitt Bailey, Karen Fisher and Betsy Knotts.